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Internet-savvy P-Noy goes online to fight corruption

By Norman Bordadora

IF YOU WANT President Aquino to see your Facebook message or your tweet, make sure it has more relevance than just a request for you to be added as his friend, or as a critic of his recording hobbies.

The Internet-savvy President is opening the doors of government through cyberspace, promising unprecedented public access to help him fight entrenched corruption.

Filipinos are among the world's most

INTERNET-SAVVY/ A11

Last US combat brigade in Iraq heads for home

Kidnappers free Cotabato merchant

Trade sentiment improves to a 2-year high

Is spiritual tourism what RP needs?



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Absentee lawmaker still gets a House chair

By Michael Lim Ubac

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, the House of Representatives' perennial absentee still gets to be a committee chair.

Negros Occidental Rep. Jules Ledesma, who finally showed up at the chamber on Tuesday, was assigned the chairmanship of the science and technology committee.

ABSENTEE/ A19

Ronald Singson posts bail

But lawmaker barred from leaving HK



HAPPINESS Ilocos Sur Gov. Chavit Singson and starlet Lovi Poe, father and girlfriend of Ilocos Sur Rep. Ronald Singson (inset), leave a Hong Kong court where the lawmaker was granted bail of HK$1 million. Ronald Singson is detained on drug charges. REUTERS

By Jan Yumul
Contributor
and TJ Burgonio
in Manila

HONG KONG—Ilocos Sur Rep. Ronald Singson, detained here on modified drug charges, smiled at family and friends after he was allowed to post bail of HK$1 million (P5.81 million) by the Tsuen Wan District Court yesterday morning.

The prosecution had rejected the bail application on grounds that Singson, 41, had no "local ties" and only friends, and that he was facing "a serious offense."

But Principal Magistrate Ernest Lin granted the application after two guarantors, Hong Kong residents Derrick Wong and Annie Khek, agreed to secure a cash surety bond.

Singson is not allowed to leave Hong Kong and has to surrender his travel papers, including his diplomatic passport, by 5 p.m. today.

While on bail, he will stay with Wong in the latter's flat in Sai Wan Ho, and is required to report to the North Point police station from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

RONALD/ A8



TOUGH COP File photo shows Insp. Joselito Binayug examining two revolvers recovered from two suspected holdup men killed by policemen in Tondo, Manila, on July 14, 2009.

Cop in torture video faces raps

By Tina G. Santos and Jeannette I. Andrade

ADMINISTRATIVE charges will be filed against a Manila police precinct commander and 13 of his men who were allegedly involved in torturing a robbery suspect, a video footage of which was shown on national television on Tuesday.

"There's no need for a complainant filing the administrative case. Visual evidence is enough," Leonardo Santiago, director of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), told reporters.

Santiago said the NCRPO would be able to determine the civil and criminal liability of Senior Insp. Joselito Binayug and other policemen involved in two weeks.

"We will be filing a case against Binayug for dereliction of duty but we want something heavier," Santiago said. "There's no place for po-

COP/ A11

BENGUET BUS CRASH

Fil-Am boy never got to show pic to US classmates

By Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—Frederick and Rosanna Quinio returned to the country on July 22 for a visit after nine years in Jacksonville, Florida, with their children, 11-year-old Roy Nigaole and 7-year-old Michael Frederick Jr. Rosanna was a nurse in the United States.

The family was supposed to leave for America today, "but God had other plans for them," said Juliet Quinio, Frederick's sister.

The Quinio couple and their children died with 38 other passengers of the La Union-bound Eso-Nice bus that fell into a 130-foot-deep ravine on Naguilian Road in Sablan, Benguet, on Wednesday. Another foreigner, an Indian missionary, was among the fatalities.

The Quinios were on their way to Sablan to visit relatives and to look for a helper.

"I received a text message from Frederick at 8:40 a.m. He told me that they already boarded the bus. At 9 a.m., he was asking me where I was because they were supposed to be fetched along the road. I was waiting for 20 minutes, until I realized that it was taking too long already," Juliet said.

She rushed to the crash site in time to see rescue workers try to revive Michael. She said the Quinio family traveled a lot together.

During an Aug. 17 visit to Mines View Park, Michael posed for a picture holding a spear and a shield, and wore an Igorot

FIL-AM BOY/ A11

Tax evasion case filed vs dealer of luxury cars

By Niko Dizon

SMUGGLING charges were filed yesterday against one of the biggest luxury car dealers in the country for allegedly defrauding the government of P68 million in taxes and customs duties in the first five months of the year.

Viking Haulers Inc. paid only P17.4 million in taxes for bringing in three Lamborghinis, three Porsches, three Mercedes Benzes, and a Maserati Quadroporte between January to May, said Customs Commissioner Lito Alvarez.

Charges of misdeclaration, misclassification and undervaluation of taxes were slapped against Viking president Reynaldo Pascaguia, vice president Rodolfo Baig, corporate secre-

TAX EVASION/ A17

De los Angeles in Ormoc jail

By Elvie Roa and Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas
Doris C. Dumlao
and Nancy C. Carvajal
in Manila

LEGACY GROUP founder Celso de los Angeles was transferred on Thursday to a jail compound in Ormoc City to face the nonbailable charge of syndicated estafa filed by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

De los Angeles was turned over to the custody of the jail warden yesterday morning after being held in Camp Karingal in Quezon City, said Elmar Galacios, a partner at law firm CVC Law and counsel for the BSP on the suits against the former banker.

His transfer was in accordance with the commitment of

DE LOS ANGELES/ A19



ORMOC JAIL Celso de los Angeles, accompanied by jail officer Rene Morilla, is taken to Clinica Gatchalian in Ormoc City for a checkup.

2 lawmakers seek Luisita deal probe

By TJ Burgonio

TWO LAWMAKERS are seeking an inquiry into whether the distribution of stocks instead of land by Hacienda Luisita, the sprawling sugar plantation owned by President Aquino's family and other estates complied with the agrarian reform law.

Akbayan party-list Representatives Kaka Bag-ao and Walden Bello on Wednesday filed a resolution asking the House agrarian reform committee to inquire into the compliance of the stock distribution option (SDO) with the law.

2 SOLONS/ A4

Second FRONTPAGE

Navy to probe defiant admiral

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE PHILIPPINE Navy will investigate Rear Adm. Feliciano Angue for possible violation of the military Code of Ethics and possible breach of the Articles of War.

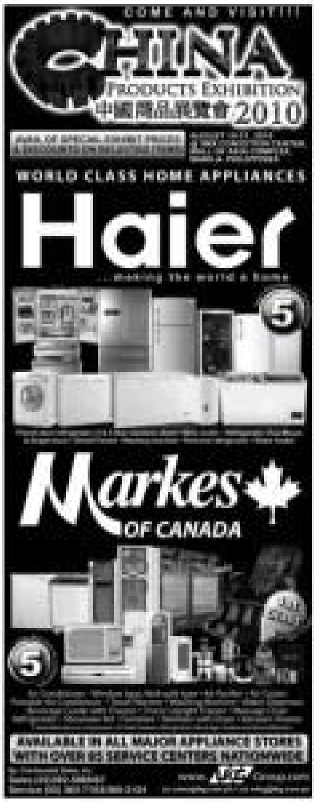


ANGUE

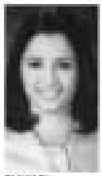
Senators make new bid to free Trillanes

Aquino gives up driving fast wheels





Topnotcher didn't think she passed



PUNJABI

Congress calendar: More work, less vacation for lawmakers











AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NOYNOY AQUINO

ON THE P18.7 BILLION MIDNIGHT DEAL OVER THE LAGUNA LAKE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. President,

We are Jan De Nul, a leading international contractor with expertise in dredging and reclamation, rehabilitation and infrastructure development projects similar to the captioned matter. We performed many dredging and reclamation projects over the past fifteen (15) years in the Philippines, such as the reclamations at South Manila Bay – Central Business Park 1 & 2 Islands A, B, & C, and the Marinduque Environmental Dredging of Catchment Basin.

We write to bring to your attention the Laguna Lake Rehabilitation Project ("Project") with a total project cost of EIGHTEEN BILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE MILLION PESOS (P 18,523,000,000.00), to be financed through a <u>commercial</u> loan from BNP Paribas-Fortis Bank, <u>which was awarded by the DENR on the eve of your assumption to office to a private Belgian company, Baggerwerken Decloedt En Zoon (BDC)</u>, **without public bidding.**

The Project involves the dredging of the Laguna Lake navigational lane and the entire 8-km stretch of the Napindan Channel, the development of a transport system including the development of the Laguna Ferry System and service repair centers and the reclamation of lakeshore areas for the development of ports and marinas for the benefit of the people of Laguna, Rizal, and Metro Manila.

Former DOJ Secretary Alberto Agra wrote an Opinion dated 09 June 2010 stating that the Project is **excluded** from the coverage of R.A. 9184 purportedly because the loan secured to fund the Project is an Official Development Assistance (ODA) from the Belgian government and is, therefore, exempt from public bidding as an "international executive agreement".

But the records will readily show that the Belgian government is not a party to the commercial loan agreement taken by the DENR to finance the Project. The PHP 15B Belgian Super Subsidy Facility that was presented during the approvals process of the project does not exist and never did. There is no government-to-government agreement that would fall within the purview of the exception to public bidding under R.A. 9184.

We even submitted a letter to your office from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium, which confirmed that with respect to the Laguna Lake Rehabilitation Project (i) the Belgian Government has not granted any SUBSIDY and concessional funding; nor (ii) has the Belgian Government granted any government loan.

In support of our position on the matter, the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) wrote a letter dated 11 June 2010, addressed to the former DENR Secretary Horacio Ramos, where it noted the guidelines set by R.A. 9184 and its IRR, to the effect that **all projects entered into by government agencies must undergo public bidding**. The only exceptions to mandatory public bidding are procurements falling under any of the narrowly defined situations in Article XVI of R.A. 9184.

Consistent with your call for people participation in your crusade against graft and corruption, we request your kind office to revoke the award of the supply contract by the DENR to the Belgian company, Baggerwerken Decloedt En Zoon (BDC), as part of the Laguna Lake Rehabilitation Project, due to lack of any competitive public bidding – in clear violation of RA 9184.

EVIL TRIUMPHS WHEN GOOD MEN DO NOTHING...

New mom among 'Morong 43' makes new plea to nurse baby

No place for a baby

No visitors

Disbarment case against Miriam junked



DOST CHIEF'S PLEDGE

'We'll make Pagasa beacon of hope'

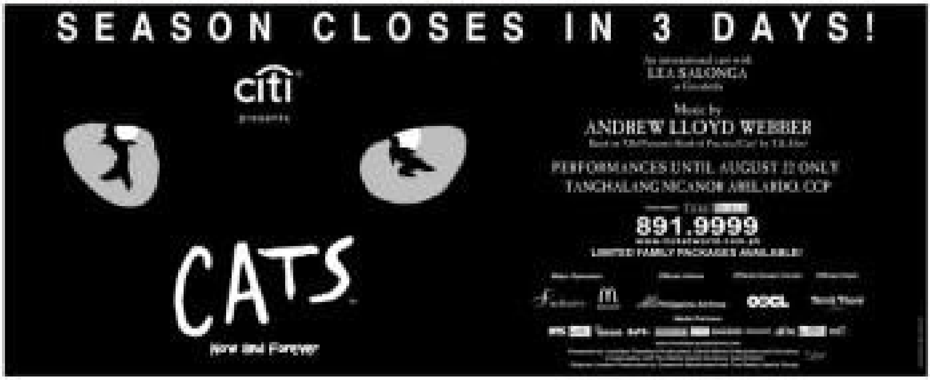


Relieving Nilo a mistake–Bello

'Justice without worry'

Track record

Flora Celi-Lansang: 94

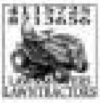


PAL LABOR ROW

Don’t be hasty on ‘open skies,’ gov’t urged

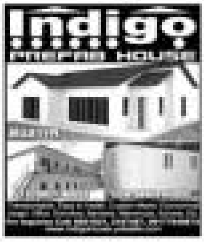
Fair open skies

Asean accord











Budget deficit up 22% in 7 months

Ronald Singson posts bail



LAWMAKER and music promoter Ronald Singson covers his face inside a police vehicle as he leaves the Hong Kong court on Thursday.



MUM'S DIET Actress Lexi Pee and Gov. Chavit Singson leave Hong Kong courthouse after bail hearing.

He is also expected to show up on time for his trial at the district court on Sept. 7.

3rd bail application

Impact on House

'Setup'

2 solons seek Luisita probe

Bankrupt, ineffective

Not reflective of reform

Comprehensive review

Template for session

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

7 Pinoys pardoned in Maldives







Jailed Filipinos

Correction

The Daily Gospel



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Quezon: dead or alive?

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Michael L. Tan

Luisita a matter of conscience more than a question of law





PSNA appeals to P-Noy: release all political prisoners

Repentance root cause of corruption

DepEd execs start liquidating cash advances

Compliance report

Napoleon advances

Cheap gas from Petron





Across the NATION

Oriental Mindoro stops STL; Sorsogon board wants it suspended

Kidnappers free Cotabato merchant

COTABATO CITY—Gunmen believed to be members of the Pentagon kidnapping gang on Monday freed a captive Chinese-Filipino businessman after his family paid an undisclosed amount for "board and lodging," authorities said yesterday.

No ransom policy

Priest's role

Tired, haggard



STREET SHOWER

Fight to keep burial ground sacred unites Iligan villagers

Foul odor leads to unlicensed 'ukay-ukay'

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

Search teams retrieve bodies of 2 helicopter pilots





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Tax evasion case filed

Lifestyle check

Glaring discrepancies

Cop in torture video faces raps

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Private schools ask DOH for guidelines on dengue cases



QUEZON REMEMBERED Military honor guards stand at attention during ceremonies commemorating the 132nd birth anniversary of former President Manuel L. Quezon at the Quezon Memorial Circle.

Official: We need guidance from experts

By Tara Quismundo

THE HEAD of an association of private schools in Metro Manila yesterday called on Department of Health (DOH) authorities to issue clear guidelines on how to deal with the deadly dengue disease.

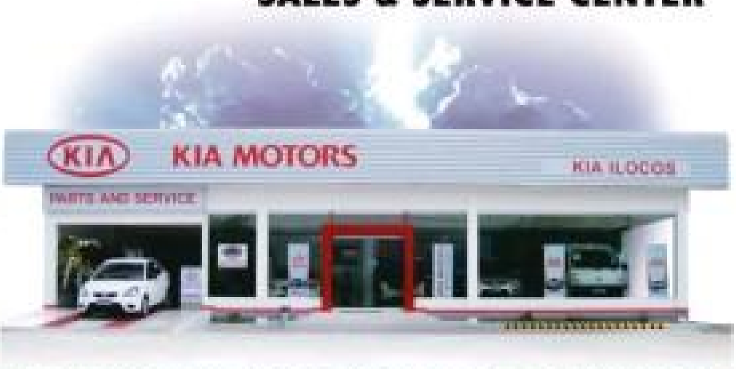
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Educators, not experts

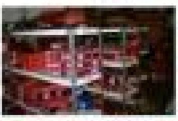
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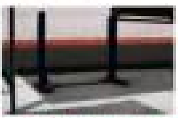
Regular cleanups

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10 injured as jeep slams into van in QC

By Marcy C. Carvajal

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STREET PAINTER

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MMDA MONITOR

Drive vs 'colorum' vehicles ongoing

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TIME TO REBUILD

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PRC employee faces charges for tampering with time card

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METROBRIEFS

Hazing death probe ordered

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Red Cross journalism tilt set

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Tamano to speak at support group's monthly meet

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Mudslides inflict more misery on China



Killer floods linked to destruction of ecosystems

Egg recall linked to salmonella hits 380M

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Radioactive boars on the rise



Obama family easy to please, says Fil-Am chef



The WORLD

Last US combat brigade heads home



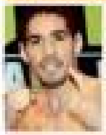
A US SOLDIER crossing the border shouts, "We're going home!"

KHABARI CROSSING, Kuwait—A line of heavily armored American military vehicles, their headlights twinkling in the predawn desert, lumbered past the barbed wire and metal gates marking the border between Iraq and Kuwait early Thursday and rolled into history.

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Roadside bombs

Pakistan gets boost in US aid

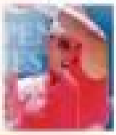


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Eagles, Archers overwhelm foes

Fierce rivals brace for Sunday clash



Heavy Bombers eye repeat over Knights today

Cone, Alaska Aces simply untouchable



LUCKY 13 The Alaska Aces whoop it up after nailing championship No. 13 over the Beermen Wednesday night.

Eagles, Archers whip rivals, brace for 2nd duel

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Smart MVP Best of the Best tilt lures 500 taekwondo jins

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B'building row 'could retrace' Laos shame



LIM: Worried



SSC, Adamson keep Shakey's V-L top spot

By Cedelf P. Tupas

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By Roy Luarca



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So draws again with Danish GM

There's something about Nonito Jr.

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By Percy D. Della

Pacquiao joins PCC 'Big Event' stagfest



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Nadal leads top seeds' march

3-on-3 team finally nets YOG victory

Pucay sizzles with 66, trails by 4 strokes

BUSINESS

Trade sentiment improves to a 2-year high

Businessmen across all sectors expect to gain in months ahead

BUSINESS SENTIMENT in the country improved further to a fresh two-year high—something monetary officials credited to rising optimism, brought about by

With Asia on the rise, peso may strengthen further

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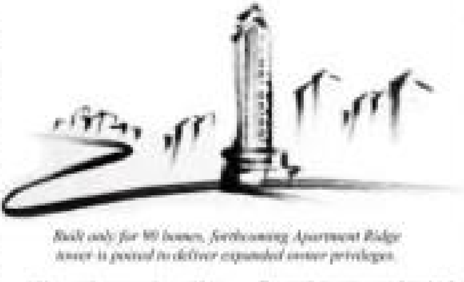
Credible audit work

Raul J. Palabrica

PhilWeb declares cash dividend

DISCOVERY PRIMEA

At home with a few on Ayala Avenue



Built only for 90 homes, forthcoming Apartment Ridge tower is poised to deliver expanded owner privileges.

Pag-IBIG offers relief for members

RP firm ICTSI raises stake in Argentine port



FLET PAYS COURTESY CALL TO PUERTO PRINCESA MAYOR EDWARD HAGEDORN

Filipino bags 1st place in Toyota AsPac skills competition



TMP team leader Nicomedes Laurea (second from right) is congratulated by TMP president Michinobu Sugata (left) with TMP vice president Amel Tolden (right).

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BOP surplus shrank to $91M in July

Level meets estimate, BSP says

Cargotec boosts RP presence

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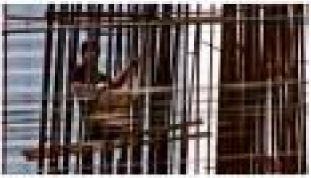
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Euromed raises dialysis unit's capital to ₱1B

Pharmaceutical company also expands to food sector



In July, prices of building materials increased 3.4%







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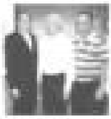
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Go on, treat yourself good



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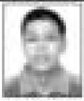
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Rural electric co-ops urged to boost operations, finances

Energy landscape changing, DOE's Almendras says

Unprecedented DA budget review

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DA budget

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Wharton-Penn Club honors 4 Wharton graduates

Asiamoney awards BDO anew

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Neda optimistic on Q2 GDP growth prospects

Despite 2.8% drop in April-June farm output

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Insurer sees 18% yearly rise in sales

By Doris C. Dumlao

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StanChart sees RP getting credit ratings upgrade

Rising forex reserves, sustained growth cited

Aboitiz Transport, cargo handler merger approved

San Miguel to declassify shares

NiHao seeks higher stake in Orvi

Insurer sees 18% yearly sales growth

Philippine Stock Exchange

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BUSINESS *Friday*

Is spiritual tourism what RP needs?

By Roger Pe
Contributor

'Where else can you find a land as beautiful as her people and a people as warm as her climate?'



THE HIGHLIGHT of the pilgrimage site will be the 33.1-meter tall statue of Mary Mother of the Poor standing on top of a 4-story Neo-Classical Podium.

Positively Philippines

International campaign

Spiritual tourism

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MARKETING Rx
Dr. Ned Roberts & Ardy Roberts

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Contact points

Natural disasters impact on insurance industry

By Reynaldo A. De Dios
Contributor

EastWest Bank Platinum MasterCard launched

EastWest Bank recently launched its newest credit card, the EastWest Bank Platinum MasterCard. Positioned as "the card that speaks of your success," the EastWest Bank Platinum MasterCard is specially designed for self-made individuals who have excelled in their respective fields and who have already attained achievements that have put them ahead of the rest.

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LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty

Contributing Editors Jenni Epperson and Ria Francisco-Prieto



If Lindsay, Ashlee, Heidi could do it, why not Charice?





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> Nip and tuck is nothing rare to Hollywood teens —admitting to it is

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Lip injections

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Same hairstyle, young physique—Lisa Macuja-Elizalde keeps it simple



Listen to your gut feel, she says—and offers her life, love life and work as a template

The Working Class











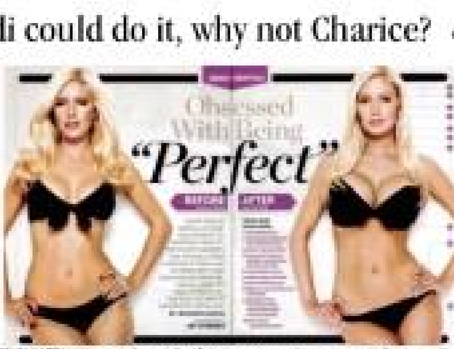


Extreme joy

Less is more

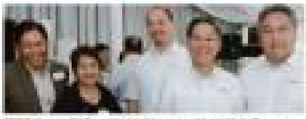
Bonus

If Lindsay, Ashlee, Heidi could do it, why not Charice?



Constant pressure

Other purposes



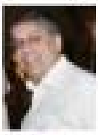




Centerpiece of Bonifacio Global City

















ROBINSONS SUPERMARKET BRINGS WELLNESS TO ITS SHOPPERS





Ateneo Blue Eaglets Team

No other supermarket is committed to spreading the word on wellness and good nutrition than Robinsons Supermarket.

The chain takes on the challenge with programs that educate and inform shoppers on the value of healthy living and good nutrition. Its green tag system, Whole Health destination area and support for fitness activities epitomize the chain's advocacy for wellness.

Robinsons Supermarket has dedicated a special area for healthy products in all its stores dubbed the Whole Health section. Products found in the Whole Health section have been carefully chosen for their nutritional and health benefits.



You are sure to find healthy products at the Whole Health section.

At Robinsons Supermarket, one can also find products marked with green price tags. The tags serve as guides to consumers when choosing healthy products in the supermarket.

Robinsons Supermarket also just concluded its Fit & Fun Wellness Buddy Run. The run requires that participants register and run in pairs to encourage running enthusiasts to invite family and friends to get into the running habit.

Robinsons Supermarket has also chosen to support the Ateneo UAAP Juniors Basketball Team in this year's 73rd season of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP). For Robinsons Supermarket, the Blue Eaglets, who require excellence in both sports and academics from its student athletes best exemplify a balanced lifestyle. Through the example of the Blue Eaglets, Robinsons Supermarket hopes to encourage young people to get into any sport that they enjoy and start the wellness habit early in their lives.





LIFESTYLE *Fashion & Beauty*

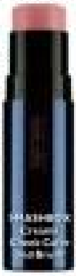
'There are no boundaries for the smoky eyes—or red lipstick'



SMASHBOX Masquerade eye palette

Look is intense

By [illegible]
Contributor



THE SMOKY eye is back—not that it ever left us, but this Fall's incarnate of the intense look that's graced glossy magazine covers, fashion runway, and red-carpet events "is a more-smoky eye that's pulled out farther, going above and beyond the usual stopping point," says Robin Flanagan, international trainer and makeup artist for Asia-Pacific of Smashbox. "There are no boundaries for the smoky eye."

Or bright lipstick, for that matter.

[illegible] is the inspiration behind Masquerade, Smashbox's color collection for Fall 2010.



According to Flanagan, the line derives its name from the mysterious air of masquerade balls, where women covered their faces [illegible] behind heavily embellished masks.

"Because nobody knows who's behind the mask, we're free to act just a little differently than how we normally would," says Flanagan.

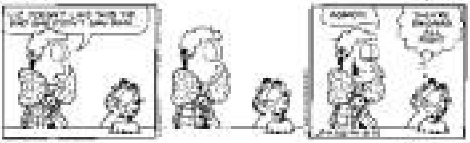
"The same rule applies to makeup. If no one were to judge you, would you wear that bright red lipstick? Would you wear that smoky eye? We're saying it's okay to wear that heavy eye makeup and it's okay to wear that heavy lip color, if you dare. We encourage our customers to play."

Used together or one at a time, these eight new makeup products promise to add impact to your look.

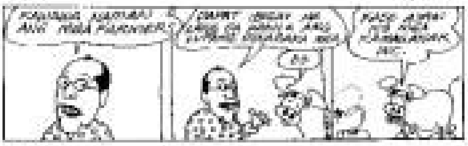
The Eyeshadow palette in Masquerade (P1,[illegible]) offers six shades with a [illegible] finish (black plum, metallic khaki, gold, bronze, metallic cabernet, navy) and three shades in matte (soft peach, taupe, bone). Presented in "complementary trios," the compact allows you to experiment by combining shades diagonally, horizontally or

LOOK, B2

GARFIELD By Jim Davis



A. LIPIN By Jess Abrera



PUGAD BABOY



DICK TRACY



LOVELINOTS By Elizabeth Chionglo



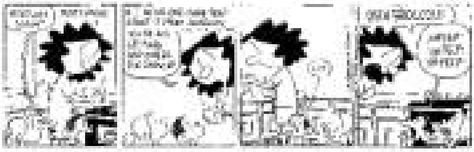
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DIVINE COMEDY



BABY BLUES By Jerry Scott



TULDOK



BEN By Daniel Shelton



KIKO MACHINE By Manix Abrera



SHERMAN'S LAGOON By Jim Toomey



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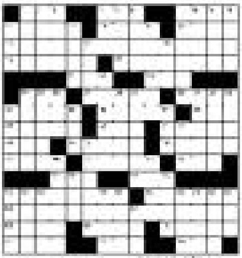
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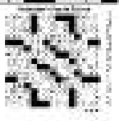
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

DOWN





Slashed, tassels, prints for rainy days





GRAY top with slashed side



BE-TASSLED. Black top with tassel-covered front



PRIME appeal. Long white animal-print tank top layered over a pink one



SLASHED

Flawless and fabulous

Rubby Sy models luxury accessories. The result is impeccably chic



MARC JACOBS—Lipstick red is the new neutral, paired with quilted bag and ... pumps



JIMMY Choo—Animal prints and large ...

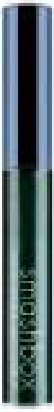


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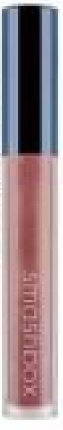
BOTTEGA Veneta goes pastel ...

Look is intense



SMASHBOX Liquid Liner and Lash Overlay





LIP-ENHANCING Gloss



MASQUERADE Baked Fusion Soft Light Palette


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4-pc carlo design queen bedding set
LESS 50%
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LIFESTYLE *Fashion&Beauty*

Margie Moran Floirendo's Davao

ALTHOUGH SHE first entered the spotlight as a beauty queen after winning the Miss Universe title in 1973, Ballet Philippines president Margie Moran-Floirendo has become better known for her work in the arts, culture and ecology, as well as her civic projects in recent years. Ballet Philippines is the country's premier ballet company in residence of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

Her marriage brought her to beautiful Davao, and since that time, this Masters of Science in Managing Rural Development degree holder from the University of London has made the southern city her home.

She takes an active part in tourism and related activities as president of the Southern Philippines Foundation for the Arts, Culture and Ecology, which initiates various projects to perpetuate the cultural heritage of Mindanao, and as publisher of coffee-table books like "Mindanao, a Portrait" and "Mindanao on the Mend." As executive vice chair of the Mindanao Commission on Women, she has helped spearhead a national campaign and advocacy, Mothers for Peace.

Margie has been active in community work as co-chair of Friends of Habitat, and member of the board of trustees of Habitat for Humanity Philippines Inc. She is also active in environmental projects as member of the board of trustees of the World Wildlife Fund-WWF Philippines, and chairwoman of the Sara Chaic Golf Foundation and Davao Golf Management.



"WHAT I like about Davao is that it's a city that's urbanized, fast growing and yet very relaxed. There is an abundance of fruits, vegetables and seafood, as well as beautiful beaches and resorts. When I have guests, I bring them directly to the Pearl Farm Beach Resort."

Pearl Farm Davao Marina started as a docking and loading area for guests bound for the Pearl Farm Beach Resort in the Island Garden City of Samal, which can be reached by a 45-minute boat ride. This quaint hotel, which began operations in 2004, has become a hideaway for those who want peace and quiet in the midst of natural beauty and luxurious amenities.

Margie Moran Floirendo's Davao







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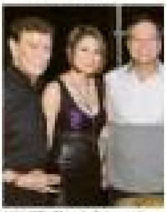

MARRIOTT director of communications Mitch Garcia and Air France executive Alfred [illegible]


GMA 7's Rod and Yangie Cornejo


SHERYLL Ulay with Leslie Pau, business development manager of Premium Wines and Spirits


Adik Van Hagen with Thai Airways GM Ninat [illegible], Lee Gilbo and Richard Sy


BERT and Fleur Limjoco, Margie and Raymond Sy, Charlie and Leana Carmona


ABI WITH Chorale Gobing and Cindy Pons


MARRIOTT executives with stylish celebrator Mayenne Carmona—Dexter Hudson, director of food & beverage; Mattie Angeles, director of services; and Richard Saul, Marriott Hotel GM

Mayenne Carmona celebrates her birthday with a fundraising disco party


JEWELERS Susanta and Arnold Ayson jetted in from Paris to share the evening with their close pal, Mayenne.


TOP hostess and philanthropist Amalia Ablaza with DFA Secretary Alberto Romulo

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Allen Yara Hagen powered by [illegible]

THE CHARMING and dynamic Marriott general manager Richard Saul and other hot executives at Marriott welcomed the eye-catching birthday gal Mayenne Carmona at the hotel lobby, making her feel special and truly the Disco Queen for a night, dahlings. The theme was "Nostalgia" at swinging Marriott's Whisky Bar, which was turned into a disco, reminiscent of the '60s and '70s disco scene, dahlings. Credit definitely goes to attractive, suave and dashing Mitch Garcia, Marriott's director of communications and marketing, no less, who took pains in giving the place a true disco ambience, pakinggan.

Louie Yamad, Manila's disco king, beamed in with his chic and elegant stylish lady, Cecilia, the excellent chef of Milk, Terraces and her famous Shalimar in Quezon City, pakinggan. Both led the pack of party dancers for Mayenne C., who was [illegible] in a red silk [illegible]. Her [illegible] in Manila, New York and Paris came in full force, shaking the dance floor in [illegible].

In lieu of gifts, our philanthropic hostess asked for donations to her favorite charity, the [illegible] Village at [illegible].

Whisky Bar's DJ brought back the music of the '60s and '70s. Wall Blanc bubbly and wines, [illegible] by Premium Wines and Spirits and [illegible] kept us all euphoric all night long, dahlings.

GMA 7 and Channel Q covered the happening, with no less than GMA 7 [illegible] president Rod Cornejo and his wife Yangie. Also couldn't miss seeing Sen. Bongbong Marcos with son Sandro, Gov. Chavit Singson with special lady Josephine Pieve, [illegible] Cynthia Carrion doing the boogie like there was no tomorrow. Meanwhile, businessman [illegible] couldn't let go of his adorable, gorgeous companion, founder of beauty [illegible], who was [illegible] Chorale Gobing, who was looking wow that night. Seeing all these faces brought back memories of our unbelievable partying during the disco era, pakinggan.

DFA daycare center

The inauguration and turnover of the DFA Daycare Center was an awesome, heartwarming ceremony, dahlings. The whole Department of Foreign Affairs family was represented, from Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G. Romulo to the lowly [illegible], plus the children who will benefit from [illegible] facilities.

The Center was relocated from a small room to a bigger space that used to be the Office of Consular Affairs at the DFA building. Over P450,000 of expansion and renovation of the Center was underwritten by the Consular Corps of the Philippines. Overall chairman and head of three organizations [illegible] requested Guatemala Consul and philanthropist Amalia R. Ablaza, dean of the Corps, to sponsor the project, pakinggan.

Consular Corps members donated P50,000 each, while others donated up to P10,000 each, pakinggan.

The Consular Corps' Vice Gentleman, Zambia Consul Luis I. Ablaza Jr., took care of the balance by contributing a cool P100,000 with his pals Raye Magno C. Vito and Raye Michael M. Tolion.

The children of DFA employees are enrolled at the Daycare Centre while their parents who work in the same building presented entertainment numbers as their way of saying "thank you" to all their benefactors. Bravo to all of you who care with a golden heart, pakinggan.

Hot party at Nuvo

It was one of those nights that had Glorietta 3's original bar and Resto Nuvo's main floor so packed that it overflowed into the end of [illegible].

Another successful event as usual brought to us by PR maven Tacky Moran, pakinggan. It was a treat for our senses as the musical stylings of the gorgeous gang of three, Mia Ayson, Oreana Cadiente and Sanya Smith kept it eclectic, hot and swinging, dahlings. There was an endless flowing of booze. You name it, we drank it for the birthday celebrators Jose Moreno, Martha Jaciuto, Sam Sy and Sanya Smith. The night got even better when [illegible] and [illegible] gifted the lucky few with cologne and makeup in addition to the scrumptious treats prepared by Nuvo's talented chef Roderick [illegible], no less. Completing the whole experience were excellent Brewery cocktails which gave everyone the perfect buzz for a perfect night.

Hey, here you can pick any reason to drop, drink or party at Nuvo. [illegible], pakinggan.

Fashion Expression

As part of the organization's thrust to serve the less fortunate, the Inner Wheel Club of Manila will stage Fashion Expression 2010, a fashion show featuring the collections of Dennis Lustico, [illegible] with Cristina [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible], on Aug. [illegible] at the Manila Polo Club, dahlings. The clothes will be modeled by the members of the club, along with their children and grandchildren, plus a few celebrities and friends from the Rotary Club of Manila.

All proceeds will benefit the club's infant feeding and daycare center, scholarship program and National Mental Hospital Pavilion.

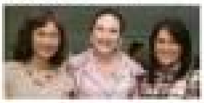
Be there, pakinggan. It's a worthwhile experience.

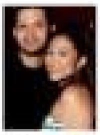
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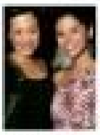

RICHARD Heidemann, Ambassador Julia Heidemann, Consul Pena and Tina Carlos and Consul Gen. Louie Ablaza

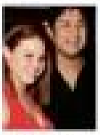

MAYNILAD Remedios M., Consul Joselito Jimenez, Consul Joseph Ascali, Consul Jose [illegible], Jr. and Consul Michael Ang

HH HOSTS, Amalia Ablaza, dean of the Consular Corps of the Phils., and Nikki Jimenez




CHICO Cristobal and Kristine Chan-Moreno


FRANCISCA Colorado and Tonyo Moreno de la Paz


ANA LEON and Raymond Rodrigo


SANYA Smith, Martha Jaciuto, Sam Sy and Jose Moreno


LOUIE and Cecilia Yamad with Gov. Chavit Singson


RUBY Tiang, [illegible] Representative Manny Pacquiao


JOSEPHINE Pieve


SEN. Bongbong Marcos and son Sandro


CINDERELLA'S Melanie Venado, Flordi Angeles, chairman [illegible], Inner Wheel Club of Manila president and [illegible] (standing) [illegible]

THE ESSENCE OF COLOR AT SM: COSMETICS

The quest for beauty goes back to many centuries. The ancient Egyptians were very spiritual people who believed that their appearance was directly related to their level of spirituality. They were also a very resourceful and innovative people, and had a wide collection of make-up tools like kohl, which was made of lead, copper, burned almonds, and soot, to line the eyes. They applied a mixture of red clay and water to their lips and cheeks, and used henna to dye their nails.

For many centuries, a pale face was the desired look because it defined one's place in society. To achieve that look, men and women used pastes of lead, chalk, or flour. They would apply rouge on their cheeks and made their eyes stand out with belladonna.



During Edwardian times in the 1900s, women did a lot of entertaining, and as hostesses, they had to look their best and as young as possible. That led to popularity of face creams and anti-aging products during that time. With the dawn of the industrial age and the emergence of Hollywood glamour, the concept of wearing make-up flourished. Better still, technology has made them safer and more accessible at counters in stores.

Our fascination for beauty continues, and with so many options available, Beauty by SM Department Store shares with us some basic pointers on how to achieve make-up magic.

• Preparing to put on make-up is just as important as applying it. Start with clean hands and a freshly washed face.

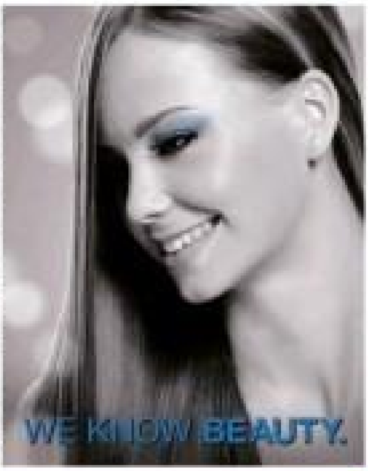
• Use a toner before applying make-up to restore the pH level of your skin and to remove any remaining dirt. This will also help make-up last longer, as toners remove surface oils that cause make-up to fade and smear.

• Apply make-up in a well lit room to ensure you're putting on the right amount and color.

• Always start with a foundation that matches your skin tone, and cover blemishes and other imperfections with a concealer to help you create a clear and smooth canvas.

• Perfect make-up application comes gradually. The rule of thumb for beginners - less is more.

• Clean your make-up tools regularly since bacteria can develop on them, and may lead to a variety of skin problems. Wash these with antibacterial soap, or with especially formulated solutions. Allow these to dry naturally in the air.



MAKE-UP MAGIC FROM BEAUTY BY SM DEPARTMENT STORE

It's amazing how using the right make-up can transform a woman into a dazzling beauty, and boost her self confidence. Here are some ways in which cosmetics can cast their spell from Beauty by SM Department Store.

ALL ABOUT EYES

Make your eyes sparkle with these elegant eye shadows from SM. Some expert application tips: start by using a concealer on your lids to even out your skin tone. Use a paddle shaped brush and apply a mid-tone shade to your lid - the lightest shade should be on your brow bone, and the deepest shade (with a pointed applicator) along the crease and lash lines to contour your eyes.





L'Oreal Dyes Eyes Chrome Intensity Eyeshadow Quads for a lovely iridescent finish.



Create a luminous, glam look with the Maybelline Eyestudio Diamond Glow palette.



Silky smooth and super blendable Revlon ColorStay 12 Hour Eyeshadow Quad.



Cover Girl Smoky Shadow Blast has two different, specially contoured ends for easy application.

LOVE THOSE LIPS

Your lips will be irresistible with these recommended picks, and by applying lip color properly. Start by using lipstick on the center of your upper lip blending it to cover the outer edges to follow the contours of your mouth. Repeat the technique on your lower lip, which you can make more defined (think Angelina Jolie) by applying lip liner on the edge of your lips, which will certainly add volume. Top with lip gloss for moisture and extra shine.





Revlon super lustrous lipgloss for sheer color and intense moisture.



Maybelline color sensational lipstick.



High shine, non-sticky Max Factor vibrant curve effect lip gloss.



L'Oreal Paris Color Riche Lipstick: a timeless, ultra glamorous look.

THE TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Choosing the right make-up brush is often overlooked, but flawless application lies in using the right tools for ease and accuracy.



Horizonsoul Brushes

These are available at Beauty by SM Department Store outlets and at Watsons stores nationwide.

LifeStyle Fashion&Beauty



How to maintain wrinkle-free skin



GOOD SKINCARE is the cheapest and best way to looking young and keeping our skin luminous.

In fact, it doesn't mean having to go to the dermatologist and paying for expensive procedures. At its most basic, it means having a good skincare routine at home that should help prevent skin problems in the future.

Good skincare involves knowing what to avoid, such as these six skin-busters.

The sun

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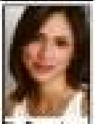
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Heavy hands

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KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

Avoid the sun, junk food, stress, smoking

Hot water

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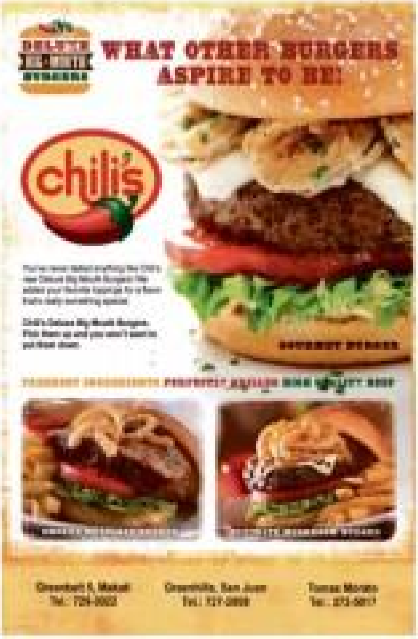
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Garlic for pimples, other home cures

Backstage Pass



Isabel Roces

Pimples

Acne, nail fungus and warts

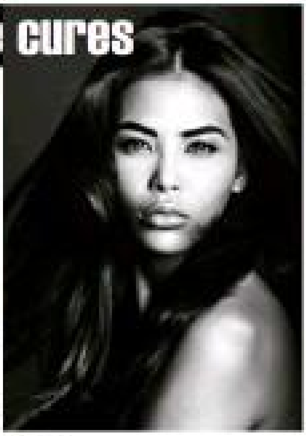
Blackheads

Scars

Baby oil as makeup remover

Under-eye dark circles

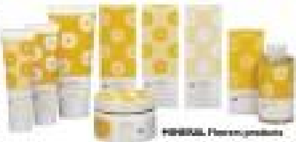




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APPLE cider vinegar



MINERAL Flowers products

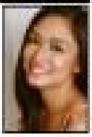


HEALTHY Options Vitamin E

How to get long, thick lashes and shiny hair

Try brands that have oscillating or vibrating wands to keep mascara from clumping

Tricks of the Trade



Kelly Misa

What skincare products can men in their 40s use?



Groomsman



Loss of suppleness

Facial lines



SHISEIDO'S Men Facial Contour Refiner

New shampoos from top hair experts



SUNSILK CO-CREATIONS, in a quest to unlock the secrets to beautiful and healthy hair, has formed a long-term relationship with four top hair experts from Japan, London, New York and Paris. For now, I have only mentioned three variants that address the most common concerns of Filipino hair: how to have perfectly straight, soft and shiny hair.

MAKEOVER 911



Kinny Salas

Variants

1. Smooth and manageable (pink bottle) created by Yuko Yamashita, a Japanese hair straightening expert. This is for women who have natural waves, that their hair tends to puff up when humidity hits. It weighs the strands down, holding back fly-away strands and subtle bouncy waves.

2. Straight and Sexy (purple bottle) by Paris-born Teny Chaho, who is known for styling supermodels' hair for fashion runway shows as well as top fashion magazines. Women who straighten their hair usually have that "stiff broom" look. This relaxes hair bonds as it cleanses, so silicone and [illegible] are restored, allowing hair to sway naturally.

3. Soft and Smooth (yellow bottle) by London-based dry hair expert Thomas Taw. This is the best choice for those who have extremely thick, dry, wavy/curly, coarse and unruly hair and who do not have the budget for salon shampoo.

What the above collection lacks is shampoo for fine, thin and limp hair, as most Filipino women have natural curls and are obsessed with black straight hair.

Grapefruit products

Watson's Beyond Bath Organics (BBO) Grapefruit Voluminizing Shampoo and Conditioner smells like energizing, citrusy grapefruit, chamomile oily scalp odor, and contains:

- Hops, to stimulate hair growth and prevent hair fall
- Tea tree oil to fight bacteria and unblock hair follicles. If you are as obsessed with grapefruit as I am, you will be glad to know that BBO has an entire Grapefruit body line from scrub, shower gel and lotion. They did not scrimp on fragrance, so the scent floods your bathroom and stays on the skin a long time. Check watsons.com.ph to see more of their quality Filipino products.

BBO is a bath and body line carried exclusively by Watson's with the EcoCert stamp of approval. The French organization is very strict in ensuring that 95 percent of ingredients are organic with untreated raw materials, so it is Paraben- and alcohol-free. No animals were harmed during product assembly.

Very important for parents who want to leave their child with a healthier future and safer environment.



WATSONS Beyond Bath Organics (BBO) Grapefruit rejuvenating soap-free body wash and volumizing conditioner

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The sofa is the single most important piece of furniture in your living room, as it is where the family and guests gather around. Whether a luxurious three-seater or a compact two-seater, it often sets the design elements of the rest of the room in place.

Our Home, the lifestyle store, where you can get great designs at great prices, has a collection of sofas for modern living – from sleek leather sofas to stylish sofa beds. With the many choices available, it is important to be able to choose the right sofa for your home. Here are some sofa selecting tips from Our Home:

- Consider the space wherein you will be placing the sofa. A tight back sofa works well with a tiny space because of its low profile. A sectional sofa is perfect for a larger area.
- Keep in mind the purpose of the sofa you will buy. Sofa beds offer the added convenience of accommodating unexpected guests, but a sectional one would be the perfect choice for a household that has many visitors.
- Materials matter. Microfiber sofas are great for heavy usage areas, and are also attractive and easy to clean. Leather is a good option if you are looking for longevity.
- If you plan to keep your sofa for a long time, opt for a more neutral color that can be used with any décor. This is important if you like to often change your home's interiors.
- Keep comfort in mind when choosing. Some contemporary sofas may look perfect in the store, but aren't so great for relaxing. Take time out to try the sofa first before buying.

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By Kenneth M. del Rosario



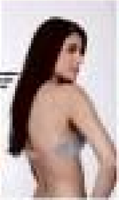
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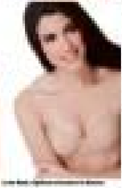


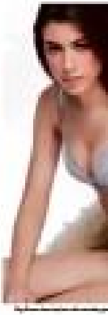
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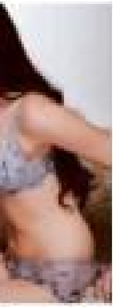






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ENTERTAINMENT

Debut, comeback

Claudine not naming subject of her angry Twitter posts

By Marinel R. Cruz

ACTRESS Claudine Barretto was careful not to identify the subject of her angry posts on Twitter recently, saying the person was "not important."

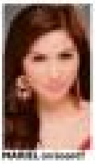


CLAUDINE Barretto: "I will not allow my loved ones to be hurt."

Willie hasn't thrown in the towel





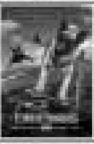


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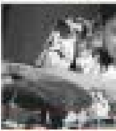


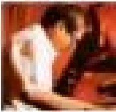
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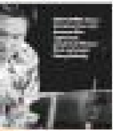


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New Anthem version: Don't just watch– match!



DINGDONG Dantes as Gregorio del Pilar



MARVIN Agustin as Jose Rizal

WHEN you catch the TV premiere of GMA 7's cinematic version of the Philippine National Anthem (soon to be played in all SM Cinemas) on Sunday's "Party Pilipinas," have fun matching these trivia with the corresponding scenes:

• While he shot his part as Jose Rizal, Marvin Agustin just had a tooth removed, so he wasn't a very happy...

• Dingdong Dantes is an able horseman, but the animal he mounted was injured during the shoot and almost did not finish his bit.

• To portray Lapu-Lapu, Aljur Abrenica... body on that took... to paint on.

• The portraits in the Declaration of the Commonwealth of the Philippines scene, where Richard Gutierrez plays President Manuel Quezon, are exact replicas of those hung on the Quezon's podium in 1935.

• Mark Anthony Fernandez had to run through... several times to lead the charge in the vignette portraying the 1898 City of Pagsal Lamin.

• In the 1872 Martyrdom of Gomburza sequence, Paolo Paraiso, Victory Almadan, and Rodin Cruz are wearing genuine wooden shackles... easy, that's fun!

• Iza Calzado, Mikee Reyes and Rhian Ramos are wearing... under their furs in the scene portraying the sewing of the first Philippine flag.

• TJ Trinidad cut his lip by... It was perfect!

• Those soldiers around Marian Rivera? Not all of them are actors.

Shot wholly in high-definition 24fps digital video technology, this cinematic "Lupang Hinirang" will also be part of GMA 7's daily sign-on and sign-off messages.

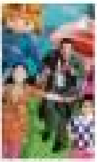
Director Paul Soriano said the team went through 10 months of meticulous research and preparation. "This two-and-a-half-minute version of the National Anthem will celebrate every viewer's nationalism," said Soriano, also network AVP for post-production operations.

The project was executed in close coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines. It retells history through carefully crafted reenactments of landmark events, from Lapu-Lapu's victory over Magellan in the Battle of Mactan to the 1986 People Power Revolution.

Lead production designer Rodell Cruz has worked with Hollywood producers like Oliver Stone ("Platoon") and John Sayles ("Amigo").



SEWING the Philippine flag: (from left) Iza Calzado, Mikee Reyes and Rhian Ramos



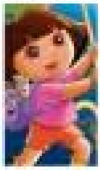
"JOLLYTOWN"

Jolly pals

"JOLLYTOWN" launches a brand new season with Jollibee, Hetty, Twirlie, Popo and Yum and old pals... and the jolly townspeople.

The show has... while teaching positive values, and starts the new season today, 9:30 a.m. on GMA 7.

The red carpet was rolled out for the Jollitown cast, the media and their families last Aug. 14 at... in... Highlight of the event was the exclusive screening of the pilot episode, "Bring on Home."



"DORA the Explorer"

Dora's big day

Nickelodeon marks "Dora the Explorer's" 10th anniversary with the premiere of "Dora's Big Birthday Adventure," a brand-new hour-long TV movie, Aug. 22, 10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

On the same day Dora fans are invited to a day-long birthday bash at Power Plant Mall, Makati City.

ENTERTAINMENT
Living Stars
Editor Emmie G. Velarde

Enter Mega's private world

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by [illegible]

SOMETHING new in singer-actress Sharon Cuneta's city home in Wack-Wack: Echoing in the usually serene hallways is the almost rhythmic wailing of an infant. Now, that's one powerful set of lungs.

The crying boy is the "Living Lady's" latest bundle of joy. Sharon, known as the country's Megastar, talks fondly of her adopted nine-month-old son, Miguel Samuel Mario. "Having a baby in the house is always magical. Everyone's more excited to come home. It's a new beginning for all of us," she tells Living Stars.

Her young daughters Frankie, 10, and Miel, 6, are smitten as well. "They often sleep in Miguel's room," says mom, quite pleased.

Sharon describes this city home (she has a rest house in Laguna) as her "haven and sanctuary." Because of the unique demands of celebrity, she guards this private world fiercely. "The people I love live here. The public may [illegible] outside [illegible] here, you need to get invited. [illegible]," she goes.

She recalls one Halloween party when she was shocked to find a stranger in the living room. "I was offended. [illegible]



It's her sanctuary, says Sharon Cuneta, because her family lives here

MEGA BIBLIOPHILE. This is just a part of her book collection in the house that also serves as a library. "The rest are in my other homes," she says.

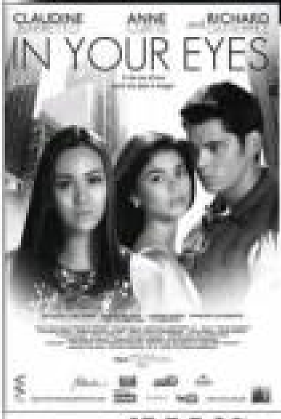


WINDING [illegible] chandelier.

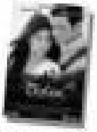
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LLADRO figures and glass [illegible]

PABLO [illegible] dining table made of antique wood.



CUNETA family portrait: Sharon with brother [illegible], dad Pablo and mom Elaine.

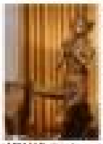
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Precious time

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ARAB [illegible] piece, a present from Randy Santiago.

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[illegible] Sharon dancing with [illegible]



CANDLES with [illegible] design.



PAIR of silver elephants from Thailand.



DAUGHTER KC sometimes sleeps over in this guest house.

Enter Mega's private world



SHARON says, "I'm in love with Pepo (KC's Chow Chow). So sweet!"

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friends don't take such liberties."

Comfort zone

This three-story structure means many things to Mega—the last frontier of normalcy to her fan from out and show biz existence, a comfort zone where she can spend the whole day in her pajamas watching movies in the living room or throwing tea parties with her girls in the mansion's dens, and, quite tellingly, one big museum for works by Filipino masters—and also one big library to store books from all over the world.

"I love this house," she enthuses. "I found the property before I got married (to Sen. Francis Pangilinan). I started building it before 'Madrasta' (in 1996, for which she won grand-slam Best Actress awards)."

With the help of architect-designer Ramon Antonio, she realized her vision for the house, which was constructed in 2003.

"I don't like loud colors," she says. "I prefer muted tones, which I find soothing." Her only concessions to vibrancy are the red pineapple print drapes, with matching pillow covers, in the private living room. That is bursts of orange, red and yellow for complete look."

The theme is unmistakably Asian. "When we renovated, I was over my infatuation with French design. I asked Ramon to turn the house into a 'Zen' resort," Sharon recounts.

Art collection

She filled the house with paintings by Filipino artists—a collection whose prize de résistance is Juan Luna's "El Dios Pan." Explains the singer, "It depicts Pan, god of music." With the help of artist Claude Tayag, Sharon acquired the painting over a decade ago from a private collector in Madrid. "It's only right that a Luna was returned to the Philippines," she says now.

Tayag made the stand on which the Luna sits below the winding staircase. He also created the bed in the master bedroom.

Beside the Luna is "Mother and Child" by painter-priest Armand Tangi. "I saw it at an exhibit in La Rueda that year I brought it home because, at that time, Miguel had just entered my life," relates Sharon.

Another meaningful artwork is the painting of Kampanan revolutionaries by Antonio Lusis. "It reminds me of my husband [illegible] who is so patriotic. Even if he's unoccupied, he will fight for the country," like the members, therefore came to the painting."

Displayed in the dining area are prized works by Macario Vitalis and Fernando Amorsolo.

She feels strongly about surrounding her children with works by Filipino masters. "So they'll grow up knowing that the Filipino masters, and all Filipino artists, in fact, are on par with the best all over the world. So they know that inspiration, hard work and discipline can produce the most beautiful things."

Dream house

The dining area's centerpiece is a 14-seat table made from a 50-year-old piece of wood matched with Ramon do it.

She got the wood, along with the framed Gregorian chant landsdale parchments by the staircase and the church-salvaged wooden sculpture in the foyer, in Paris in the late 1990s.

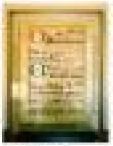
But though this house is filled with her favorite things, she says, "I've yet to build my dream house—maybe bigger, but not necessarily. Since my family is expanding, we may need more space."

Eldest daughter KC has moved out, but sometimes sleeps over in the guest house by the pool.

Ah yes, the pool. The huge infinity pool inspired by the one in Palawan's Amanpulo resort has disappeared. Where did it go? "I wanted an extra patch of grass," says Mega. "I figure, a smaller pool would do for us. My children are not training for the Olympics anyway. The old pool was only too big."



DINING area features 14-seater table made with antique wood from France and Murano chandelier.



16th-century Gregorian chant landsdale parchment from Paris.



THE only burst of colors in the private living room comes from pineapple-print drapes and throw pillows.



FISH-eye view of Sanctuary near the kitchen.



PAINTINGS by Mauro Malang Santos and Betsy Westendorp line Tayag-made Art antique furniture.



THIS house is equipped with air-conditioner, electric fan and indoor plumbing. Jeans, Beagles Cupcake and Roo in their "room."



A PAIR of Amorsolos.



JUAN Luna's "El Dios Pan" sits on an easel by Claude Tayag.

True calling

The kitchen, although newly refurbished, with state-of-the-art baking ovens and stoves and a Sub-Zero ref, is, likewise, not yet her dream cooking space.

"This is exactly the same as the one in Laguna," she says. "I wanted that center so we could cook meals and bake cakes and pastries simultaneously."

That, it seems, is her true calling, homemaker. She taps into this passion in her new program, "SharonaltHome," to be aired on ABS-CBN's Lifestyle Channel starting Sept. 10.

The show, she says, is a companion piece to her glossy magazine of the same title (published by ABS-CBN Publishing). She lights up: "Now, this is my dream show!" She describes it as a cross between Martha Stewart and Rake Brown, with a little Rachael Ray thrown in.

"In the early 1990s, when not a lot of people knew who Martha Stewart was, I was buying her magazines," Sharon recounts. "I also like Ina Garten, Nigella Lawson and Rachel Ashwell of Shabby Chic."



MURANO chandelier in the dining area.

Ashwell of Shabby Chic."

She sums up the show and the song as, "Step out. I'm not a chef, but I am a cook." Her relatives, particularly older brother Chet (who loves her roast beef), would insist she's a good cook.

Dog house—really?

Sharon built a dog house for the family's six pets: Grandpa the Shih

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THAI throw pillow in quiet sitting nook.



CLAY vase, angel kettle and candles on side table in dining room.



FAMILY room where an Ireland Elias painting of polo players is displayed.